

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION
MOVING FROM DEBT TO ASSETS

- WHEREAS: The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) is a broad-based organization, made up of over 50 churches, synagogues, and other institutions; and
- WHEREAS: The organization, which has a diverse membership of approximately 50,000 people, works to bring together, train, and organize communities of Greater Boston, across all religious, racial, ethnic, class, and neighborhood lines, for the public good; and
- WHEREAS: GBIO has worked with communities on several issues, including youth and safety, affordable housing, financial education, quality of education, working conditions in nursing homes, and access to affordable health insurance; and
- WHEREAS: GBIO's *Moving from Debt to Assets* program has helped more than five hundred families to build strong financial futures; and
- WHEREAS: The program consists of financial education instruction, an optional peer support group, three sessions with a professional financial counselor and a grant of \$500; and
- WHEREAS: 95 percent of the graduates of *Moving from Debt to Assets* program have been low-income, 84 percent have been People of Color, and 62 percent have been members of immigrant ethnic groups; and
- WHEREAS: *Moving from Debt to Assets* is the leading program doing financial education in the Haitian community of Boston in Haitian Creole. It is one of only two programs in the entire United States delivering financial education to adults in the Haitian communities in Haitian Creole on a regular basis; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization for teaching community residents to manage their money, create and stick to a budget, and to set and achieve goals; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, proclaims June 15, 2010 as Greater Boston Interfaith Organization *Day* in the City of Boston.

In City Council **ADOPTED**

JUN 23 2010

Rosaria Salerno
CITY CLERK

By: *Thomas J. Curran*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Charles C. Yancey*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: June 23, 2010